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LOW FAT PASTA FILATA CHEESE
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PETITION FOR AWARD OF PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER

Commissioner For Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 1.10(e) Applicants hereby petition that the above application be awarded an official U.S. patent application serial number. Applicants note that the enclosed papers are true and correct copies of a U.S. national phase patent application filed by the undersigned on May 30, 2001, by Express Mail. Also enclosed are true and correct copies of the Express Mail label confirming U.S. Mail receipt of the filing on that date and a copy of the postcard receipt which evidences receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as Receiving Office on May 30, 2001.

Applicants still have not received a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 or Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 USC 371 or Filing Receipt. Thus, Applicants assume that the USPTO as the Receiving Office has inadvertently misplaced the application.

As such, Applicants would first appreciate the USPTO as the Receiving Office checking for the status of the application. If it has now awarded a U.S. patent application serial number, Applicants would appreciate receiving by fax (414-271-3552) a copy of the document evidencing such application serial number.

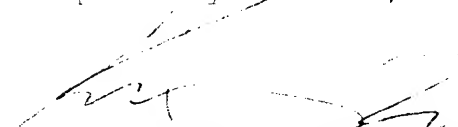
If a U.S. patent application serial number has not been awarded, Applicants would appreciate the USPTO as the Receiving Office considering the enclosed materials as constituting a filing as of May 30, 2001, and awarding this application a U.S. patent application serial number as soon as possible.

While no fee is believed necessary for consideration of this petition, should one be required, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055 for the amount of the fee. Should the USPTO as the Receiving Office have any questions regarding this matter, please call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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